To whom it may concern:

I have been monitoring the Vanity applications process for the past year. I myself have had to put in multiple applications just to have a chance at a 1x2 call. The vanity process that is place does several things.

1) Increase stress for the applicants and causes hard feelings to the Amateur Community.
    a. I know when I was applying for W4TS that another person had put in 20 applications I had in 25 applications. We both played the game. First we filed and paid for one application then we apply for 20+ application but don't send in the money. Then we waited to see if anyone else applied for the call if they did we paid for the rest of the applications we filed to increase the odd in our favor. Then the rush is on to fill out forms correctly and get them into the FCC on time.

    b. Others that had filled out one application rarely have a chance at getting the call they applied for though it does happen from time to time, but the odds are not in their favor. In their cases they have wasted their time and the FCC time for applying.

2) There is a shortage of 1x2 calls, and everyone is using every legal means of trying to get one, thus there is a lack of 1x2 calls

3) Increase paperwork for the FCC to process all these applications then to have the FCC return all the money for denied applications, but instead of return one check for 20+ applications fee's the FCC send a check for each application. What a waste of Taxpayers money.

Here is my suggestion to make this fair to the Amateurs.

1) 1x2 calls over the years have been a status symbol in Amateur Radio. The vanity applications process has destroyed this. A 1x2 use to mean something to the Amateur community. Now anyone with an Extra can get one. I would like to see that someone applying for a 1x2 call have at least 15 – 20 years in Amateur Radio before they can apply for a 1x2 call.
2) Second Clubs should be limited to only one 1x2 call. At the rate things are going there will be no more 1x2 calls left for individuals.
3) One application per vanity application.

Thanks,

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